



Lovely Strange Dark

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DEPROGRAMMER**
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THE
GOUSTER
GANGS ZEROED
IN ON IT, AND IT
LOOKS LIKE A
TUP MARS
ABOUT TO GO
DOWN







I GOT THE
FEELING
THAT'S WHY
SHE CALLED
US OVER
HERE.

NO
SURPRISE
THERE.



I haven't
met him,
but there's
someone
she talks to
in private.



YOU CAN
USE THE LIFT
ACROSS THE
HALL FOR
TONIGHT.

SO,

WE DON'T
MIND STAYING
WITH YOU ONE
BIT.

UHH.

I MIND!



TO BE
PERFECTLY
HONEST,

MY DAD
OWNS BOTH
HAPPS ON
THIS FLOOR



THIS IS
REALLY
STARTING
TO BUG
ME.



NO WORRIES
ABOUT THAT HE'S
GOT MULTIPLE
HOUSES HERE
AND AROUND.

I DOUBT HE
EVEN REMEM-
BERS HE OWNS
THOSE LITTLE
CONDOS.



NO WAY,
YOU'RE
THAT
LOADED?

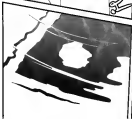
IF YOUR OLD
MAN DROPS
ON, I'M JUST
GONNA TELL
HIM I'M
HIS NEW
SON-IN-LAW.



HE'S MY
STEP-FATHER,
AND HE AND
MY MOM ARE
DIVORCED
NOW.



WE'RE ONLY
FAMILY ON
PAPER.





Dim Sky in Japanese is Sora.







I'M WORRIED
ABOUT HIM.
THINK I SHOULD
GIVE YUUKO A
CALL

AT THIS
MOMENT

THAT'S
SO FAR
AWAY!



AND DON'T
TELL HER
ABOUT
MORIHI YET

WHY? WHY
NOT? SHE'S
THE ONE MOST
WORRIED
ABOUT HIM

EXACTLY SHE
DIDN'T GET ANY
SLEEP LAST
NIGHT. SHE'S A
MESS. LET'S NOT
GET HER EVEN
MORE WORRIED

HIS TEXT
SAY HE'D
CALL US
TOMORROW,
RIGHT?

ANYWAY, GO
SAY HIKA IF
SHE'S GOT
ANY MORE
PELONS



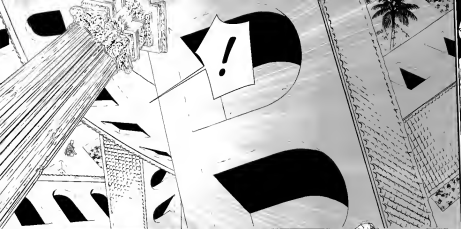
Yes

Is PM
controlling
Nobiru?

Can I just
assume that
Yuuzou's on
our side?

Because
of Nobiru's
ability?

Even if he is my
old mentor's
son, he used to
be a washer.





I CALLED
OUT FOR
YOU!
YELLED
AND
YELLED!

I DIDN'T
NOTICE.

Then I felt
that whole
body was being
torn out
cut.

and then I was
falling through
what seemed
like someone's
mind.



Oh,
also!

I passed
right behind
you then!



WHAT IS THIS
SOMEONE'S
MINDSCAPE?

I
EVENTUALLY
FIGURED IT
OUT.

YEAH.

SOME-
ONE'S
MIND?



HAS MY
OWN MIND-
SCAPE.

IT



STRETCHES

STRETCHES



JUST
LISTEN
TO ME.



STRETCHES
A GREAT
DESTOPIA.



IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
CALL THIS
PLACE HERE
A UTOPIA.

THEN
UNDER
YOUR
FEET



THERE'S A
DARK MIND-
SCAPE.

AND I CAN
ANOTHER
WORLD
STEPPING
OUT EVEN
UNDER THAT



CONSCIOUS-
NESS

IS MADE
UP OF
MULTIPLE
LAYERS,
RIGHT?

UNDER YOUR
FEET, WHERE
YOU PLANT
YOUR PICKLE
THINGS,



...HE'S
BACK TO
HIS USUAL
SELF



THIS LAYER
HAS REPAIRED,
BUT THE LAYER
BELOW MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
PLANTED BY
HOSTILES.

THAT'S ONE
THING I'D DO
IF I HAD THE
MACHINE.

IT'D SOUND OUT
A MIND-SCAPE.



GETTING
AHEAD OF
HIMSELF
WITHOUT
CONSULTING
US.

!
THAT'S IT!
I CAN'T
THINK LIKE
THAT!



I THINK GOING
THROUGH THESE
MIGHT GIVE US
SOME IDEA HOW
TO DEFEAT
NOBIRU'S
MINDSCAPE.



WHAT
WAS
THAT?

— WHAT
DID YOU SEE,
DEFO-
GRAMMED?



IF YOU TELL
US, WE CAN
MOVE THE
TICKETS.

NO,
WE
CAN'T!



IT'S NOT
LIKE ME TO
WHINE LIKE
THAT!

I'M
GOING TO
DO

THERE'S
NO WAY I
CAN WIN



...SO
WHAT'S
YOUR
PLAN?



JUST
WATCH.
I'VE GOT
AN IDEA.





YEAH, A STIMULUS IS TRANSMITTED BY ELECTRICAL IMPULSES FLOWING THROUGH THE SYNAPSES.

EXACTLY.



YOU'RE A MED STUDENT, SO YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW

THAT THE SPACES BETWEEN NEURONS IN THE BRAIN ARE CALLED SYNAPSES.

THAT'S RIGHT. THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE ONE HAS CONSTRUCTED INSIDE MY MIND.

A NEURO-CAVE?



SOUNDS LIKE YOU GOT THE BETTER DEAL.

I'M THE MOON, AND YOU'RE THE GUN! WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DRUGO-GRAMMAR?



WHEN STUFF LIKE THAT HAPPENS,

WE CAN DIS OUT THAT NEURO-CAVE TO FIX IT.



If someone's had an extremely sad experience and formed a neuro-cave,

they'll feel sad no matter what they see in front of them.



That is, even happy or funny things

will get dragged into the neuro-cave, so they'll register as sadness.



THE GROUNDING THE ELECTRICAL IMPULSES ARE

THIS WHERE THE NEURON'S DENDRITIC SPINES BECOME,

NOW, IN MY LINE OF WORK, THE COLLAPSING OF THOSE SPINES

IS CALLED A NEURO-CAVE.



With a wide passageway, things get through easily.

Once a neuro-cave is formed, anything that resembles a stimulus can pass through.



"I AM A BARRIS MOON IN A DIM NIGHT KEY." TALK OF IT AS TEASING TO TURN YOU INTO A DEPROGRAMMER.



YOUR ACTING KEPTLY HIGH AND MOODY. CONSIDER, YOU'RE WEARING CHICK'S CAST-OFFS.



ARE
YOU FOR
REAL?

I THINK WE
CAN PULL IT
OFF.

OF
COURSE,
IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'D
USE A
LASER
SCALPEL.

OH!
DO YOU
MEAN YOU
CAN GET
ANOTHER
DEPIL-
DEMADE
TO DO IT
FOR YOU?

Shy

IT'S A PSY
OPERATION.

— You
can't be
serious.

NOT AS
FAR AS I
KNOW.

I DON'T
KNOW IF IT'S
POSSIBLE.

THIS ISN'T
A JOKE.
IS THERE
PRECEDENT,
OH?



I CAN'T
PREDICT IF
YOU'D BE
ABLE TO
RETURN.



YOU
COULD DO IT
FOR ME,
GOSCHAI.



I CAN
MIRROR
MYSELF
ONTO YOU.

I TOLD
YOU I AM
THE SUN,
AND YOU
SEE THE
MOON



YOU COULD
DEPROGRAM
ME.

NO WAY!
I DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
DEPRO-
GRAM-
MING!

WHAT
IF
HOLD
IT!

GOSCHAI



DIVE
INSIDE
MY OWN
MIND,

AND
DEPROGRAM
MYSELF.

...YOU'RE
ASKING
ME TO GO
TO MY
DEATH.

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